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SECRETARY, BOARD OF
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VIA Email. Hard copy to follow via USPS

RE: Earth Energy Resources, PR Springs Mine/Tar Sands Project Docket M047-0090

Dear Mr. Baker:

It has come to my attention that the above referenced project may affect as much as 7500 acres in portions of Grand and Uintah Counties.

It is my understanding that UDOGM has approved the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining with Conditions to Earth Energy Resources subject to posting the calculated reclamation bond and consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency.

I do not find that residents of the Moab, Castle Valley and Grand County have been fully noticed on this proposed action. The nature of a large scale tar sands mine may have effects that are negative to this area and my livelihood.

I believe that the conditional approval is premature, because EPA has not acted on the need for an air quality permit. The determination as to whether the EPA requires an air quality permit or not deserves public scrutiny before UDOGM approves the NOI.

I respectfully request the opportunity to determine what these effects might be and to submit comments for the record and your review.

I request 120 days for this review.

Please advise as to whether it is necessary or otherwise helpful to attend the March 24, 2010 formal hearings in Salt lake City.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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